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1. As part of the production crisis in Rumania, it has been discovered that the economic production plans were not met in the production of coal, tractors, construction materials, wood, cellulose and paper, cotton, flax and hemp, glass, ceramics, milk (60.5 percent), and meat.
2. Pressure had to be taken off the light industry and was placed on heavy industry, and on cotton and textile factories working for the USSR. For industries working for the local market, allocations of raw materials have been reduced. A drive for substitute materials, usually inferior in quality, as well as the recuperation and usage of scrap materials, was started.
3. All materials available on the local market are directed toward the food industry working for the stocking and the exporting of canned food. A considerable growth in this industry took place in 1951. Meat, milk, fish, et cetera on the local markets were alarmingly low. Because of the lack of fats, an intensive campaign was undertaken in autumn 1951 to collect beechnuts.
4. The production crisis was aggravated by the transport crisis; it is difficult to make repairs because the repair shops are working for the Soviets. Auto transports are in poor shape; the trucks delivered by the Soviets are of poor quality and break down very quickly. Other retarding factors are: lack of technicians and machinery which the Communists are attempting to compensate by an increase in physical effort; insufficient preparation of the peasant proletariat for industrial work; the lack of manpower. Attempts at setting up new branches of industry have resulted in an electric power crisis.

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